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1. CHECKS MADE BY EMBASSY WITH OIL COMPANIES LAST FEW DAYS INDICATE THAT THERE HAVE BEEN NO CASES OF DENIAL OF ENTRY TO DEPENDENT SCHOOL CHILDREN ARRIVING FROM EUROPE AT CLOSE OF SCHOOL YEAR. OVER PAST WEEK SOME HAVE BEEN DELAYED CONSIDERABLY AT AIRPORT BUT ALL ARE GETTING IN. THUS, FOR PRACTICAL PURPOSES THERE ARE NO INSURMOUNTABLE PASSPORT PROBLEMS FOR AMERICAN COMMUNITY AT THIS TIME.

2. HOWEVER, SITUATION FOR DIPLOMATS AS SUCH IS WORSENING. FRG EMBASSY LADY (REFTEL PARA 3) HAD TO

DEPART BECAUSE OF MFA THREAT TO PNG " SOMEONE" AT THE EMBASSY UNLESS SHE DID. ALSO HAVE FURTHER DETAILS ON CASE OF VENEZUELAN AMB BARRADAS. SEEKING ENTRY ON OR ABOUT JUNE 11, AND DESPITE FACT HE CARRIED AN INFORMAL TRANSLATION, HE WAS SENT TO AIRPORT HOTEL TO OVERNIGHT. HE TOOK LIBERTY TO PROCEED TO TOWN AND WAS ORDERED BACK. HE THEN APPEALED TO THE DEAN OF OUR DPL CORPS,

WHO COULD DO NOTHING EFFECTIVE. BEFORE DEPARTURE, BARRADAS CALLED HIS OFFICE SECRETARY, TOLD HER TO KEEP CHANCERY LOCKED AND FORWARD HIS MAIL TO TUNIS. (FOR TUNIS: YOU MIGHT GET A BETTER READING ON THIS FROM BARRADAS HIMSELF, BUT THE ABOVE IS FROM KNOWLEDGEABLE SOURCES.)

3. UNLESS LARG RESTRICTIONS ARE LIFTED SOON, OR ARE INTERPRETED MORE RATIONALLY, WE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED TO SEE SMALL MISSIONS CLOSED HERE. (NOFORN FYI ONLY: SPECULATIVE POSSIBILITIES INCLUDE NOT ONLY VENEZUELAN BUT SWISS AND DUTCH. DUTCH HONORARY CONSUL GENERAL LEFT PERMANENTLY THIS WEEK, AND BOTH DUTCH CAREER OFFS ARE LEAVING ON TRANSFER WITHOUT HOPE OF REPLACEMENTS, APPARENTLY.)

4. MEANWHILE, NUMBER OF COUNTRIES " ACCEPTING" ARABIC IN THEIR PASSPORTS IS STILL INCREASING. IT ANNOUNCED BULGARIA IS THE 15 TH AND HUNGARY THE 16 TH. ITALIANS STARTED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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USING A RUBBER STAMP JUNE 16. TURKS AND YUGOSLAVS ARE ONLY WAITING FINAL INSTRUCTIONS. SWEDISH AMB FROM TUNIS ENTERED LAST WEEK WITH A TRANSLATION AUTHORIZED BY STOCKHOLM ESPECIALLY FOR THIS VISIT (TO TRY TO PRESENT CREDENTIALS). BELGIANS HAVE ALEADY AUTHENTICATED TRANSLATIONS FOR NUMEROUS DUTCH NATIONALS WORKING FOR BELGIAN COMPANY ON TRIPOLI PORT PROJECT. WE HAVE SEEN

A GREEK AUTHENTICATION TOO, ISSUED AT GREEK EMBASSY
ROME. IN FACT, TIDE HAS TURNED AND THIS CAN BE
ATTRIBUTED IN PARTICULAR TO FRANCE, WHEN IT BROKE RANKS WITH
NATO.

5. FINALLY, " ACCEPTANCE" DOES NOT MEAN THE END
OF PROBLEMS. RECENT EXAMPLE WAS THAT OF SPANISH
EMBOFF WHO TRIED TO ENTER WITH A TRANSLATION. HE WAS
REFUSED ENTRY BECAUSE HIS PASSPORT NOT PRINTED IN ARABIC.
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